
Date: May 15, 2026
To: College of Health Sciences Students, Faculty, and Staff
From: Erika Villegas, Assistant Dean
Re: Spring 2026 Commencement Honorary Roles and Academic Honors

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, the College of Health Sciences is delighted to announce the candidates for 2026 spring and summer graduation who have achieved the distinction of Academic Honors, as well as College faculty, staff, and students selected to serve in honorary roles during the University Commencement Ceremony. The ceremony is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Don Haskins Center.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Recognition of Academic Honors for undergraduate students at commencement ceremonies is based on cumulative grade point average (CGPA) as of April 2026. Students' official graduation honors are based on final cumulative GPA as listed in the Undergraduate Catalog. The official honors will be noted on students' academic transcripts. Honor Cords signifying the achievement are worn during commencement ceremonies. Academic Honors candidates for the Spring 2026 ceremony comprise:

Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors) will be awarded to students who attain a UTEP cumulative grade point average of 3.90-4.00. This achievement is signified by a gold honor cord worn by all UTEP honorees.

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology Degree Candidates

Yakoob I. Abu-Raddaha
Krystal Brito
Halle Hogan
Jessica Pena
Alex Perez
Alyssa Rodriguez
Melina Saucedo-Flores

Bachelor of Science in Public Health Degree Candidate

Anyssa Gomez

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences Degree Candidates

Sofia Alcocer
Emily Arias
Destiny Castaneda
Kathya Cota Liam
Yazbel Delgado
Britney Garcia

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences Degree Candidates (cont.)

Esteban Garcia
Neve Garcia
Arianna Meza
Yeizlyn Morales
Victoria Rodriguez
Ruben Adrian Romero Magallanes
Julia Segovia

Bachelor of Social Work Degree Candidates

Angie Acosta
Brittany Alvarado
Emily Apodaca
Melanie Arana
Emily Aranda
Elisa Borunda
Gabriela Diaz
Olga Lydia Feliz
Alondra Flores
Sadie Jurado
Emelyn Marquez
Jazmin Pino
Luzinda Rodriguez
Sofia Salcido

Bachelor of Science in Clinical Lab Science Degree Candidates

Miriam Avalos-Renovato
Irene John Tomy

Magna Cum Laude (High Honors) will be awarded to students who attain a UTEP cumulative grade point average of 3.80-3.89. This achievement is signified by a white honor cord worn by all UTEP honorees.

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology Degree Candidates

Aleyna Alvarez
Claudia Contreras-Muro
Christian Wachel

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences Degree Candidates

Jaqueline Carbajal
Ismarie Chavarria
Anna Hainey
Crystal Mendoza
Abbigail Mosier
Ariana Rios
Adriana Saenz
Michelle Sotelo

Bachelor of Social Work Degree Candidates

Arely Diaz
Correy Jimenez
Cassandra Lopez
Lauren Martinez
Lydia Pena
Ashley Vallecillo

Bachelor of Science in Clinical Lab Science Degree Candidates

Abril Castrejon

Cum Laude (Honors) will be awarded to students who attain a UTEP cumulative grade point average of 3.50-3.79. This achievement is signified by a salmon honor cord worn by College of Health Sciences honorees.

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology Degree Candidates

Daniela Alcantar
Katelyn Arredondo
Sierra Champlin
Anthony Chavez
Ulises Corado-Arana
Fabian Diego
Liliana Dupee
Isaac Espino
Mattie Gantt
Briana Garcia
Anai Gomez
Isaiah Gomez
Michael Herrera
Alejandra Higareda
Litzzy Manriquez Salazar
Alan Montemayor Mayorga
Ximena Rivera
Miguel Ruiz
Jacob Staggs
Vivianne Yzaguirre

Bachelor of Science in Public Health Degree Candidates

Ana Majano Morales

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences Degree Candidates

Erin Barrientos
Emilia Clinch
Edward Cordova
Vito DiChristina
Emma Escobedo
Maritza Figueroa
Xzandra Fo

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences Degree Candidates (cont.)

Lina Garcia
Vianey Granados
Mary Guzman
Itzel Hernandez
Kimberly Hernandez
Samantha Licerio
Sophia Livas
Andrea Lozano
Jesus Lupercio
Kayla Nunez
Victoria Rivas
Emily Saucedo
Alyssa Thomas
Abigail Torres
Melissa Torres
Meagan Trevizo
Paloma Varela

Bachelor of Social Work Degree Candidates

Mariana Davalos
Francisco Delgado
Josue Diaz Guillen
Eva Fontanez
Daniel Gomez
Marissa Graebner
Saul Gutierrez
Jazmin Jimenez
Miguel Macias
Darlene Montero
Eduardo Olmos
Karen Sandoval
Lizbeth Shadrick
Jasmine Tucker
Alondra Vasquez Gonzalez

Bachelor of Science in Clinical Lab Science Degree Candidates

Amanda Garcia
Lesly Garcia
Karen Guillen
Valeria Lopez
Elisa Mena
Joselyn Moreno
Mauricio Moreno
Yaritza Sanchez Escobar
Mia Silva-Rios

FACULTY AND STAFF COMMENCEMENT HONORARY ROLES

Honored and selected for exceptional academic achievement.

Dr. Lorraine Torres, Clinical Associate Professor, Clinical Laboratory Science

Grand Marshal: Carries the University Mace and heads the processional.

Dr. Jennifer Salinas, Associate Professor, Social Work

University Faculty Marshal of Students: Directs degree candidates to the stage and back to their seats.

Dr. Gabriel Ibarra-Mejia, Associate Professor, Public Health Sciences

College Marshal: Leads the college faculty in the processional and recessional.

Dr. Ximena Burgos Monzon, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Public Health Sciences

Faculty Marshal of Students: Seats degree candidates and assists commencement staff in maintaining decorum.

Dr. Sudip Bajpeyi, Professor, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences PhD program

Graduate School Faculty Marshal of Students: Seats graduate degree candidates and assists commencement staff in maintaining decorum.

Ms. Carla Rosete, Director of Operations and Community Outreach

Staff Marshal: Leads campus staff in processional and recessional.

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT HONORARY ROLES

Honored and selected for academic achievement, leadership, and campus involvement.

Claudia Arantza Contreras-Muro, Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Undergraduate Student Marshal of Students: Assists the Faculty Marshal and will lead the undergraduate candidates on stage.

Josdell Guerra Ruiz, Master of Public Health

Graduate Student Marshal of Students: Assists the Faculty Marshal and will lead the master's candidates on stage.

Yeizlyn Morales, Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences

College Banner Bearer: Carries the College of Health Sciences Banner.

Irene John Tomy, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Lab Science

University Banner Bearer: Carries the University Banner.

Kimberley Ramirez, Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

Graduate School Banner Bearer: Carries the Graduate School Banner.